

Raiyats' Privileges Rules may be extended to this magani also.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 314.

Stocking of timber in the forest depot at Shimoga.

Mr. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Large quantities of useless timber are being stocked in the depot at Shimoga. Some logs have been lying there undisposed of for years together and it is feared that even the cost of extraction and carting of the logs to Shimoga may not be realized. It is suggested that in future such logs may be sold in the forests rather than be allowed to remain in their present condition in the local depot.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The Conservator will be consulted.

SUBJECT No. 315.

Sale of bamboos from district forests of the Kumsi sub-taluk to be prohibited.

Messrs. Nadig Guru Rao and Ramachendrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The forests in the Kumsi sub-taluk are getting denuded of all bamboos, large and small, as both the varieties have seeded. The sale of bamboos from the district forests by the Forest department to merchants may be put a stop to as bamboos are required by the raiyats for agricultural operations.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 316.

Reservation of Rangaiyangiri and Malhal forests to be cancelled.

Mr. Ubrani Appajaiya, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At the time of the reservation of the Kukwada-Ubrani State forest, the forests of Rangaiyangiri and Malhal were left for the use of the raiyats of several villages of the Channagiri and Tarikere taluks for procuring wood for their agricultural requirements and for grazing their cattle. These forests were reserved three years ago. As the reservation has caused much inconvenience to the agriculturists it is prayed that they may be reconverted into district forests as before.

Reply of Government.—Report from the Conservator has been called for, and on its receipt the question will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 317.

(a) Reduction of seigniorage rates on fuel in the Gangavanasara State forest.

(b) Reduction of grazing fees in the Gangavanasara State forest.

Messrs. Revanasiddiah and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) Sugar cane cultivation is carried on on a large scale in the Chinikatte and Nyamti maganis of the Honnali taluk which contain extensive forests. As this crop is exposed to the ravages of wild beasts, the raiyats are obliged to keep fires constantly during nights to ward off the wild beasts. The watching of the crops in the rainy season is a very difficult task for the raiyats. They find time only in September and October to collect a year's supply of firewood. As the cutting of fuel in *coupes* framed by the Forest department according to the departmental rules is a difficult business, it is prayed that the old seigniorage rate of 2 annas per cart-load of fuel may be revived in the Gangavanasara State forest.